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FIBROUS PLANTS INTO BALLS, ESPECIALLY  
COMMON FLAX, HEMP PLANT AND SISAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculating fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows: